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MARAD FOR BLACKWELL AND BOURDON

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SUBJECT: MARINE CARGO INSURANCE

REF: A) MOSCOW 5223, B) STATE 81520, C) MOSCOW 5125

1. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY (MEL'NIKOV) NOTIFIED EMBASSY APRIL 12 THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO SETTLE ON TIMING OF MARINE CARGO INSURANCE TALKS UNTIL END OF MONTH. THUS SOVIETS REGRET INABILITY TO GIVE POSITIVE ANSWER TO BLACKWELL SUGGESTION THAT TALKS BEGIN APRIL 28. ACCORDING TO MEL'NIKOV, PROBLEM IS THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALKHIMOV'S SCHEDULE PRECLUDES TRAVEL AWAY FROM MOSCOW AT THIS TIME.

2. COMMENT: THIS ANSWER REPEATS SOVIET RESPONSE TRANSMITTED REFTEL A, I.E. THAT IF LONDON REMAINS VENUE FOR TALKS, SOVIETS WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS TIMING ONLY LATER. WHILE RUMORED CHANGES IN SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ESTABLISHMENT HAVE NOT YET COME TO LIGHT THEY ARE PRESUMABLY STILL IN WORKS FOR THIS MONTH, AND IT IS THESE CHANGES, EXPECTED TO BRING GREATER RESPONSIBILITY TO BOTH ALKHIMOV AND GVISHIANI AMONG OTHERS, WHICH HAVE CAUSED ALKHIMOV AS WELL AS GVISHIANI TO CANCEL OTHER APRIL COMMITMENTS OUTSIDE USSR (AND CAUSED STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO CANCEL APRIL SAN FRANCISCO MEETING WHICH BOTH SOVIETS HAD LONG BEEN SCHEDULED TO ATTEND).

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